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Is "the room"  
man-made or  
"an act of  
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"I can't play with Woody — I'm playing  
with Jeff (Bohner)," she says



Was  
THIS  
←  
the  
reason?

**LIFE OF MONTY**  
#42 JULY 16, 1984 WHAT  
83HV spectacular 75¢  
price....

# FOURTH ANNIVERSARY MARYCON BYRNECON SPECTACULAR

If you think I'm going to say "It all started with LUFTWAFFE" again, you're crazy! (For you newcomers, LM was my first game, which led to more, which led to THE GENERAL, which led to ENVOY and RETALIATION, which led to issue 1, then 1½, then back to 1, and finally 2, 3, ..., 43 and still counting.) That's right, this is number 43 of LIFE OF MONTY, the almost-official 'zine of the "cancellation, refusal to show up, turning the backs on, snubbing, non-participation, but NOT boycott" of the 1984 Summer Olympics, by Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339, phone (415) 461-2692. Isn't it strange that the USA was mad when countries sent athletes to the 1980 Moscow Olympics (NATO countries, that is - e.g. Great Britain), but when Rumania does the same thing in 1984, it's perfectly fine, and the announcements that Cuba, Poland, Bulgaria, etc. are not showing up are interpreted as signs of "Soviet domination" while the 50-plus-nation boycott of 1980 isn't linked with the USA (very much) despite the attempt to hold "alternative games" in Berkeley in 1980.

SUGGESTION TO ALL YOU OLYMPIC-TYPES: Whyizzit that everybody talking about the Olympics automatically assumes that they have to be held in one place? Why not light the torch in Greece, have the track events in Moscow, the swimming in London, the volleyball in Berlin, the soccer/football in Paris, and so on? Of course, they're held within the same two-week period, as usual, but this tends to lower politics in the games a little, doesn't it?

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AND WHILE I'M ON MY OLYMPICS KICK....even if the games are a one-country-or-nothing thing, why must professionalism be all-or-nothing? Some sports (track and field, for example) wouldn't be affected very much from professionalism (ice hockey is a perfect example - notice the USSR "amateurs" tend to play up to the level of the NHL), but soccer would turn into another World Cup tournament (idea: have the World Cup tournament held as the Olympic tournament), and a basketball team with Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Julius Erving, possibly Kareem Abdul-Jabbar couldn't lose (the 1984 amateur team is tough enough!).

KATHY BYRNE DEPARTMENT: Recently, Sterling cigarettes ran an ad in magazines offering coupons for free packs. Somebody on a local TV station ("local" - i.e. San Francisco) came up with this idea: all non-smokers get the coupons, cash them in for the cigarettes, and mail the packs in as a sign to the cigarette company. (NOTE that the thing is called the KB department NOT because of the well-talked-about operations she's had, BUT because of the probably-now-forgotten incident at an ORIGINS a few years back....OK, you can put those knives and things down now.....)

~~-FOURTH-ANNISH-NUMBER-FOUR-IT'S-ALSO-THE-THIRD-ANNIVERSARY-OF-THE-FIRST-ANNIV-ISSUE~~

Yes, it's four years worth of this thing. You Letterman fans know about Dave's Record Collection - it's time to dip into DON'S 'ZINE COLLECTION. I've seen 'em come and I've seen 'em go. At the end of 1980, I received on a regular basis (among others) PLAGUE TIMES, INVASION, THE SHOGUN'S SWORD, WHITESTONIA, JIHAD, BLACK FROG, VOLKERWANDERUNG, THE BUZZARD'S BREATH, ITALIANO PRIBE, EMPIRE, RETALIATION, THE VOICE OF DOOM, and THE BRUTUS BULLETIN. Of these, PLAGUE TIMES, INVASION, VOLKERWANDERUNG, and THE BRUTUS BULLETIN folded in 1981, JIHAD and BLACK FROG folded in 1982, THE SHOGUN'S SWORD folded in 1983, and the others have survived (almost 50% - if you include ENVOY and LIFE OF MONTY, which I didn't list because I began my ENVOY sub in 1979 and I don't exactly "sub" to LOM), that's over 50% survival over 3 1/2 years, and none of the eight look like they're in for a quick fold.

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FINAL RESULTS of MARYCON 1984 (letters in parentheses indicate Best Country)

1. Dave Lincoln, 36.4
2. Don Scheifler (G), 36.1
3. Jim Yerkey (T), 35.9
4. Kathy Byrne, 30.4
5. Jeff Bohner, 27.9
6. Murray (I), 27.8
7. Lee Kendter Sr., 22.0
8. Tom Swider, 21.6
9. Ed Wrobel, 19.1 (F)
10. Eric Kane, 18.9 (E)
11. John Caruso, 18.6
12. Bill Thompson, 18.5 (A)
13. Kevin Kozlowski, 18.0
14. Don Del Grande, 13.2
15. Mark Stageman, 12.7
16. Ed Byrnes, 12.4
17. Mark Berch, 9.8
18. Daniel, 9.5
19. Tony Hecht, 9.4
20. Mark Kelly, 9.1

43 persons competed in MARYCON, although only 41 played both rounds. Note that the best Russia was an 11-center survival worth 1.1 points. (Each game was scored 34 for a win, 17 for a 2-way draw, 11.3 for a 3-way, 8.5 for a 4-way, zero for a 5/6/7-way, plus 0.1 for each center at the end of the game.) Best countries went to most centers; ties were broken by who reached their count first.

Other noted names and scores:  
 Kador, 1.0  
 Woody, 0.6  
 Mainardi, 0.2 (fingers not fast enough?)  
 BRUX, 1.1  
 Peel, 0.7  
 Fred Davis, 0.1

How I ever finished 14th in this crowd when I hadn't ever had any draws/wins before this is beyond me. And no, I won't be playing in the PACIFICON dip tournament, so the Del Grande - Grabar showdown won't occur.....

PAGE 3 is shocked at my placing - it expected a win

And now, JUST what EVERYBODY wanted to know about....can a mild-mannered dipper from California survive out east, especially when that includes a 4-day stay at Chez Byrne?

Since I had reservations on El Cheapo Air (the airline that can't afford to crash), the plane left at 7:15 AM on May 31 (well, it was really US Air). From San Francisco to Washington DC via Pittsburgh, where a "minor technical problem" holds me over for 30 minutes. I finally land at 5:30 PM (all times local) and fork over \$15 for a "limousine service" (it's a bus) to Fredericksburg, home of Marycon. Too bad it's about 1/2 mile from my motel, and no taxis in sight. Lift up the bags,....

JUNE 1: VariMarycon begins after a \$2.50 taxi ride. This isn't really a tournament, but a bunch of variants - Abstraction, World Dip IV, and Final Conflict. (Mostly global variants with nukes.) Who won? Who cares?

JUNE 2: Marycon, first round. Draw England (not my favorite country). Ally with Lee Kendter Sr. as Germany and Bill Stegeman as Turkey. Slowly, we get down to a 4-way position, at which time Bill and I are talked into joining Lee for a 3-way against Italy. At 8 PM, the beer bash has begun, the game is 7 hours old, and Italy is out - at which time Lee wants me to join him for the 2-way. I do something that's supposed to be impossible - I talk Lee into keeping the 3-way draw. After all, I didn't want Lee to go for the win. From what I heard afterwards, he probably would have went for it.

JUNE 3: Round 2. There are six boards, so the round 2 boards are seeded with all round 1 Austrias together, all round 1 Frances together, and so on. There are only 6 boards, so one round 1 country has to be divided - the one with Byrne, Caruso, Kane, and myself. I end up on the Turkey board with Stegeman, Woody, and Kador. Midway into the game, Woody, keeping the SC chart, tells Kador he gets a build - he SHOULD have said "removal". Next fall, I notice there are 36 units on the board! Woody compares units with SCs - Kador has TWO flying dutchmen! Because of the time limit, the game ends in a 6-way draw, after arguing over whether or not to concede a "20-center win" to a random choice in an attempt to give somebody a high score. (I didn't like this, even though I would have won the tournament had I been selected - not much of a win, though.) Highlight of the round: Woody gets stabbed by Fred Davis - THEN he gets stabbed by me! (In the five years I've played Dip, that was my first stab since 1980 and second ever. Would YOU trust this man?)

After round 2, Woody says he's heading to DC Airport and will give me a ride with John and Kathy if we leave before the final ceremonies. After letting J & K off, Woody drives me to my hotel - after driving around the city for a while. I find out that I have to go to another hotel 2 blocks away - which takes 5 minutes with Woody driving. Why can't eastern cities have streets in decent directions?

JUNE 4 and 5: Typical tourist things in DC. I didn't see GRAUSTARK #1 there (at the Smithsonian) - what's wrong with this city? Rod Walker is probably saying, "Who cares about GRAUSTARK? It's MONGO that counts."

JUNE 6: Hop aboard an Amtrak to NYC. I can't remember where Caruso works, so I try to get to his house. Thinking that "downtown NYC" is near Central Park, I grab the wrong subway train. Finally, I get it right. Trouble is, nobody is home. Find a bus - across the street from Off-Track Betting. I get off one block from the house - Francine is waiting for me, but since she doesn't look like Kathy, I don't notice. Down the road, I'm shocked - Phyllis actually offers to carry my bag! Not only that, but she carries it in one hand and hardly notices, even though it weighs 40 pounds! I never expected J & K to live above a deli....

JUNE 7: John takes me to "the sights" - everybody else seems to like the UN and the Empire State Building. Me? The Compleat Strategist, Victory Games, Barnes & Noble,... Finally, we go to the top of the World Trade Center, after forking over \$3 each. Only views are of Jersey and a scaffolding-covered Statue of Liberty.

PAGE 4: I'm back in California

JUNE 8: It's 98° and muggy with no relief in sight. John takes me to see "Ghost Busters" with Bill Murray - some classic Murray lines, but the ending was weak. Another dipper with a bum car - to make things worse, John's clutch is worn out, so he can't shift without stopping the car. Julie Martin never shows up - probably because we left Marycon early.

JUNE 9: Line of the con: Kathy and Woody - "Phyllis, Woody needs you as a partner for Trivial Pursuit"; Phyllis - "I can't play with Woody, I'm playing with Jeff." How does Bohner do it?

JUNE 10: Back to San Francisco - leave La Guardia at 2:00 PM after a 30 minute delay; land in Dallas at 4 (that's a 3-hour flight, since Dallas is Central time), leave again at 5, and land in SF at 6:30 (3½ air hours). Amazing - I wasn't mugged once. I may write a book - "The East on \$35 a day". (Page 1 - find Kathy and John.)

ONE FINAL NOTE: Somebody sent Kathy a "Superstar Wrestling" game. She thinks I did it! I know one of my loyal (AHEM) readers did. Who did it?



DIPLOMACY - my game filled at last, but Derwood Bowen and Mike Ehli still have openings. Contact Derwood (1643 Granitewood Lane, Columbus, OH 43229) or Mike (see FNORD in this issue) for details.

KINGMAKER - doesn't anybody out there play this game? Somebody does, but I need 4 or 5 more.

NUCLEAR WAR/NUCLEAR ESCALATION - still only two signed up. Get with it!

PRO WRESTLING - Frank Byrne might want in on this one. Are you going to let him get away with winning by default?

BATTLE OVER BRITAIN - special multi-player version. From 4 to 7 players needed. Not that anyone is actually going to enter....

DUNE - what with the blockbuster DUNE movie coming up, I might as well get in on the act. 6 openings for this one.

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~~RAMBLING-PRAMBLING-GRUMBLING-MUMBLING-TUMBLING-WHAMBLING-BAMBLING-TRAMBLING-WHATLI~~

Time for some comedy relief.....the California Hotel Association recently announced that despite the Olympics, Democratic Convention, Baseball All-Star Game, and Super Bowl, hotel prices would not be risen out of proportion. To show you how serious they are, here are some prices for double-occupancy rooms in certain nationwide-chain hotels in the Los Angeles area, both for yearly normal maximum and Olympic period (July 20-August 20) maximum:

Near the stadium....

NORMAL	\$58	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$81	\$108
OLYMPICS	\$135	\$150	\$180	\$250	\$300	\$450

On the average, Olympic rate a 150% markup! Strangely enough, hotels in the Palo Alto, CA area (that's where Stanford - and the 1985 Super Bowl - is, since it's the only nearby stadium that can hold 80,000, even if most seats are on wooden benches....) don't have markups!

PAGE 5 marked up from 4.75

NO SCOTCH, BUT HERE PRIMARY

# DEPLANEBOSS

HERVE SPRING 02

SO WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?

A (Michalski): A Typ S A Bohn-Tun, B Bohn-Tun, F Reg S A Ser-Bul, A Ser-Bul,

R One S A Ser-Bul

E (Brenner-7): NTR, F NRO H, F Eng H, F Nth H, A Pic H

F (Brenner-7): F NRO-Por, R Por-Bre, A Gae S R Por-Bre

G (Storres): R Bohn-Tun, A Sil S A Bohn-Tun, F Kie-Bol, F See S F Kie-Bol,

A Nuy S F See

I (Boesen): F Hae-Spocsc, A Mar S F Hae-Spocsc, A Vern-Ple, F Tys-Hae

R (Stoughter-7): NTR, F Gob H, A Fin H, A Sev H, F Rus H

T (Ehl): A Bul tells Polish jokes, F Bio S A Bul, A Say proves to Alled for a

Build

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Bulgarian Polish jokes are met with a rude reception, and the road company has been sent down the road to Com or will be discarded. As a result, the Sargorian (is that a word?) prayers go unanswered... unless the A Bul discards. Hey, what happened to you guys this time?

R: hoase, ser, gre, BIL (6)

E: hoase, bel (4)

F: por, bre, aor, POR (3)

G: hoase, den, hot, SAE, NAY (7)

I: hoase, tun, NTR, SPR (8)

R: hoase, rum (5)

T: hoase, nuy, see, spoc, por, bul

Hey Don, could you assign a few standbys while you're writing down the deadtime for this time? I expect these two back, but you never know.

Standbys?

MIKE to DERWOOD: Hey, at least I've got three times as many people signed up for my game as you do for yours.

I don't have any! (not yet, anyway)

ROCKVILLE: It's this kind of vicious personal attack that starts feuds.

EUGENE: SPED to EUGENE: Thanks for the compliment. I wouldn't talk about feuding countries though. I only have two countries attacking me, while you have three countries to deal with. (Thanks, Derwood.)

COLLEBUS to EUGENE: Yeah, the subseem is OK at least you can read it, which is more than can be said for some other subseem. But I didn't get mine mailed in on time, so it didn't even see print this time.

(THE) TURKEY to TIRLY: It wasn't intended to be a dumb opening. Michalski merely decided to ally with the other guy and made it look dumb.

TURK to ROCKVILLE: Oh yeah, I forgot that reality doesn't exist in LOM, or anywhere else for that matter.

ROCKVILLE: That's not true. Reality was just in 30 MILES OF BRO BORD the other day. It can't have gone far. Maybe you can still catch it if you really try.

SALTRIN to KING, KRIEGER, KRIEGER, AND TGER: You guys better start writing some press. He and Paul are gonna be gone soon, leaving Derwood to write all the press. You wouldn't want to overwork him, would you?

ROCKVILLE: Neither would I.

TURK to ROCKVILLE: How about if we start calling you Mr. Rook?

ROCKVILLE: That would be a fantasy come true.

FRA to ENG & GER: If you troglodytes can't write letters you shouldn't play did.

FRA to GM: Are you really Konrad Bommastier? I read in an old GRU that sons ROCKVILLE: No, is false. Dick Horton thought up Konrad and Julie. Real story is in RETL. GRU is totally bogus. Hanna copy of the real truth? Pink Floyd. Besides, the time was so totally appropriate. England is the only country I haven't heard from.

ROCKVILLE: Rautenberg said it best, "Music to slit your wrists by."

They're humorless, tedious and take themselves way too seriously. And those are their good points! But I'll let this slide just this once because the quote does seem appropriate.

TIRLY to FRENCE: If you guessed right, you are still in there. How'd you do? (Guess we can all see the answer.)

ROCKVILLE: I wouldn't really call this a "right" guess, but it'll do. It was nice meeting you, Don. I'd have been at Byrnecon, except I am in Michigan instead. There's the breaks. See you all again next month!

Michigan instead. There's the breaks. See you all again next month!

DEADLINE is JULY 5, 1984

MONTH to GM: The next LOM is scheduled to go out on July 15, so get HERVE in early this time (By the way, this is PAGE 6)

# LIFE OF FNORD

June, 1984

#6

NO CENTS (NO SENSE EITHER)

Official subzine of the 1988  
Summer Olympics in Seoul...  
(It pays to plan ahead)



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FNORD'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by Northwest Natural Gas Co. Remember, if your hot water is cold, if your refrigerator is warm, and if your house is freezing, you can end it all with GAS!

Have you noticed that the Eugene/Sprf area is getting to be of some importance in the hobby? After all, it is the home of two zines (Jim Bumpas' LIBERTERRAN and Michael Lee's THE CONCERT OF EUROPE) and two subzines (Paul Gardner's PERLMUTTER'S REVENGE and, of course, FNORD). It seems that all we need are a few more postal players to become a rival to Seattle as the postal Dip capital of the Northwest. We have a decent number of itf players. Maybe I could convince some of them to get involved. Watch out, Tallman!

Add my name to the list of people mourning the fold of IRKSOME! I played my first postal games there, and it's always been one of my favorite zines. It will be missed.

Are you going to make any bids in the People's Diplomacy Organization's Relief Auction? (Pardon me, I just put a hole in the paper trying to erase some thing) Available are many items, including several old SPI games, back issues of a number of zines, (LOM included) special "consideration" in the 1984 Toady Poll, 500 Thirty Miles of Bad Road Brownie Points, bushpuppy mix, Elvis postcards, Kathy Byrne's bre (burned during her Women's Lib days), an issue of PLAYBOY specially censored by the MANEATER, a kiss from Phyllis Byrne, pictures of half of the people in the hobby, and a weekend with a certain Armenian hamster molaster. For a complete list, send SASE to Mike Mills, GK, PDORA, 26 Laurel Road, Sloatsburgh, NY 10974. Deadline for bids is July 7, so get them in soon.

Those right-hand margins are a little erratic, aren't they? That's what happens when the stereo is so loud that you can't hear the bell on your typewriter.

PAGE 9 already!?! There must be a conspiracy!!

It's only PAGE 7, so don't panic  
(and get run over by a floor waxer)

FUCK 'em if they can't take a joke!



DIPLOMACY--GMed by me. Signed up: Coughlan, Lee, Gestiehr, Sr.

THE GOLDEN APPLE CORPS, alias the standby list.  
No takers yet. I would like to have a few people on hand by the time the game starts. Please?

VARIANT DIP--You name it. If there's enough interest, I'll be willing to GM it. Personally, I'd like to try Final Conflict III, Tom Swider's global nuclear variant. Rules and map are in DIPLOMACY WORLD #37. (Rod, will you let me xerox the variant for those Bozob who don't get DW?)

WELLBETHEPIRATESWINSAGAINEUROPAOHMYCOUNTRYEUROPAILLWALKBESIDEYOUINTHER MUZAK DEPT: And now for something completely different... The other day I wandered into a used record shop, and what should I find but a single by MONTY PYTHON, of all things. It's called "I Bet You They Won't Play This Song On The Radio" and as far as I know, they didn't. Written and sung by Eric Idle, here it is. (Copyright laws be damned)

I bet you they won't play this song on the radio  
I bet you they won't play this new (BEEP) song  
It's not that it's (BUZZ), or (HONK-HONK) controversial  
It's just that the (DING)ing words are awfully strong

You can't say (OOGAH) on the radio  
Or (SWISH), or (FLIP), or (YAAAH!)  
You can't even say "I'd like to (GRIND) you someday"  
Unless you're a doctor with a very large (TWANG)

So I bet you they won't play this song on the radio  
I bet you they won't (SCRATCH)ing well program it  
I bet that the (RING)ing old program directors  
Will think it's a load of horse (RRIP)

((Translation of sound effects into English is approximate))  
OOHWAHOOHWAHCOOLCOOLKITTYTELLUSABOUTTHEBOYFROMNEWYORKCITYOOHWAHOOHWAH

Thanks to the publishers who have plugged FNORD in their zines.

LETTER DEPT:Zilch.

There's a slim chance that I could be heading to DipCon this month. The Seattle Gang is supposedly getting a convoy together, and if it goes through Eugene, Tallman tells me I can come along. But as far as I know, right now they are planning on turning east from Portland, instead of further south. Oh, well. No big deal. I will, however, make every effort to get to DipCon 85 wherever it winds up. I support the campaign to have it in Seattle. (Am I starting to sound too much like a Tallman toady? My sincerest apologies.)

Well, that just about wraps it up for this issue. I hope you remembered me in the Runestone Poll, but if you didn't, I don't blame you.

"I saw them--I saw the fnords!" --Joshua Marsh, when last seen alive.

PAGE 10 didn't see a thing.

It's only PAGE 8 - number ten  
is that way somewhere ➡



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Orphan's Bureau from 1-1-84 till now. Minimum bid is \$1.00  
per pound. (Bid by the pound.) Bidders pay postage.
- Z-16 GRAUSTRAK 448-466 (complete '82 set). Minimum bid is \$1.00.  
Bidder pays postage.
- Z-17 EMPIRE 149-167 (complete '82 set). Minimum bid is \$1.00.  
Bidder pays postage.
- Z-18 TWENTY POUNDS OF ZINES. 1979-1983, all sorts (standards and  
one-shots). Minimum bid is \$10.00. Bidder pays post/shipped UPS.
- Z-19 EMHAIN MACHAS, ten back issues of pre-#27 issues. Est=\$8.00.
- B-1 Special "consideration" in the 1984 TOADY POLL. Minimum  
bribe is \$5.00.
- F-1 Six boxes of HUSHPUPPY mix. Bid on a few or all six boxes.  
Minimum bid is \$1.50 a box.

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DEADLINE FOR BIDS IS:

- F-2 Three boxes of GRITS. Bid on a few or all three boxes. Minimum bid is \$2.00 a box.
- F-3 One batch of JIM MAKVC's famous brownies (Winner of the 30 Miles of Bad Road Brownie Cook-off). Minimum bid is \$3.00.
- M-1 500 30 Miles of Bad Road brownie points. Divided proportionately among all bidders.
- M-2 10 30 Miles of Bad Road tetrahedrons. These are not flirts-run left-overs, but new ones! Minimum bid is \$1.50.
- M-3 RusnakCON (Summer '83) SC chart and three empty bottles of White Out.
- M-4 The world's longest press release --- player submitted Tolstoy's WAR AND PEACE as press. Minimum bid is \$2.50.
- M-5 A pacifier from Samantha Corblin. Est=\$1.59.
- M-6 A stack (?) of Ken Corblin's outdated business cards.
- M-7 A complete up-to-date set of JANO'S JOURNIES.
- M-8 One official HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES coffee mug. Minimum bid is \$4.00.
- M-9 Original letter to Don "Cockroach" Williams by Byrne, Caruso and Arnawoodlan with explanation of his nickname as well as some vintage Byrne/Woody abuse. Minimum bid is \$3.00.
- M-10 THE CLARK BAR. The prize not awarded to Woody in the "What Mark Berch Has Done For Me Contest." It has travelled 6000 miles already. A classic. Minimum bid is \$1.00.
- M-11 A feather from SOCRATES THE DUCK. Minimum bid is \$1.00.
- M-12 Original GrisCON tape (30 minutes) performed by Mazzer, Oleson, and Socrates the Duck in a California parking lot. Minimum bid is \$2.00.
- M-13 Ten ELVIS postcards from Memphis, Tenn. Minimum bid is 50¢ a card.
- M-14 Elve authentic Dutch ANTI-NUKE notepad sheets (1"X2" approx.) Minimum bid is \$1.00 a sheet.
- M-15 DIXIE LULLABYES. A 60 minute cassette tape of Elvis rockers and readings from GONE WITH THE WIND, performed by GARY COUGHLAN especially for you. Minimum bid is \$5.00.
- M-16 Cancelled check to the winner of the B2CJ prize game; \$100 first-place prize, if the game ends with a winner.
- M-17 Ten letters from Mark Frueh (PUPPY POISON PEN), all of them lies, from COYOTE, B3AW to Carl Russell.
- M-18 Seven letters from Rod Walker.
- M-19 The Original artwork for the WALKER HATE SHEET. Minimum bid is \$5.00.
- M-20 Old photo showing H. Naus, C. Reinsef and Walt Buchanan. Minimum bid is \$5.00.
- M-21 Cover of DW28 with original Rod Walker coffee stain. Minimum bid is \$2.00.
- M-22 Three PODERKAGG postage stamps. This one-of-a-kind collection features: a) the 1913 air mail label with rare 100k<sup>2</sup> LRM black overprint, label in puce, mustard gas yellow, ca-ca brown and blue on white; b) the 1971 historic WOW issue, "TINTORELLO'S" "Naked Lucretia Borgia," 1000 LRM brown, black and puce on light poo-poo beige; c) the 1982 historic "Visit Poderkagg" issue, 100 LRM "view of Novi Sodom," green on white with the extremely rare "censored" overprint --- applied by rivals in New Commorah.
- M-23 Berlitz SWEDISH FOR TRAVELERS pocket guide signed by Gary Coughlan. Minimum bid is \$1.00.
- M-24 Kathy Byrne's BRA, which she burned in the 1960s when she was a Women's Libber. Rare.
- M-25 25 beer coasters used by Gary Coughlan on his PDO Ambassadorial Trip to Europe in October 1983.
- M-26 Five correct answers to a RAGING MAIN trivia quiz contest. Minimum bid is \$2.00.

- M-27 One rubber stamp with James Woodson's old, Pensacola, FL address. Exceedingly rare, one-of-a-kind. Minimum bid is 50¢.
- M-28 A picture of Phyllis BYRNE's room. Est=\$1.00.
- M-29 Membership in the MARCIE BLACKJACK CLUB for one year. Minimum bid is \$3.00.
- M-30 One issue of PLAYBOY censored by the MANEATER! Est=\$5.00.
- M-31 The GARY COUGHLAN DICTIONARY, notable for its lack of thoughtful words, never be troubled by facts again. Minimum bid is 2¢.
- M-32 Proof that Bob "PUDGE" Oleson gets ANGRY! Cannot be described. Bid and see!
- M-33 KATHY BYRNE SCRAPBOOK. Contains: 2 official KB CON ID badges; KB hospital ID bracelet; official ByrneCON Turkeyday caketop turkey; a pix of DD at PUDGECON '82 and; pix of KB choking Bruce Linsey. Minimum bid is \$5.00.
- M-34 THE WOODY SCRAPBOOK. Contains: one super-large red rubber band; an 8X10 B&W glossy of an artist; "THE" crushed beer can from Turkeyday ByrneCON and; an old map of Ontario from Dave Carter.
- M-35 One Dave Grabar PacificON ID badge; one John Caruso ORIGINS ID badge ('82).
- M-36 A kiss from Phyllis BYRNE. Est=\$3.00.
- M-37 Original and authentic from the WHITE HOUSE to the GRAND KOMMISSAR of PDO declining honorary PDO membership for R.W. Reagan. Rare! Minimum bid is \$2.00.
- M-38 ALL PURPOSE DIP LETTER. A pad of 14 sheets of the original Jack Masters creation of 1980.
- C-1 Five 1984 PDO CENSUSES autographed by the Grand Kommissar. Minimum bid is \$1.00. Bidder pays postage.
- O-1 Seven DIPLOMACY game openings in BERSAGLIERI. Minimum bid is \$3.00. (Players must sub to the zine to play.)
- P-1 PUDGECON '82, six plxs, showing Oleson, Michalski, Coughlan, Kathy and Gary, Langley and an historical site. Minimum bid is \$1.00.
- P-2 EASTERNERS. Set of six plx showing Sacks, Mathias, Lousey, Woody, Mainardi and Swider. Minimum bid is \$1.00.
- P-3 NIXON AWARD WINNERS. Two plxs showing Kathy Byrne and Al Pearson with the Trophy (one in B&W, one in color) Minimum bid is \$1.00.
- P-4 One pix of Kathy Byrne kissing Bruce Linsey. Minimum bid is \$2.00.
- P-5 DIPCON '82. set of six pix, showing Berch, Oaklyn, Frauke, Neubauer, the Beyerleins, and "confusion."
- P-6 DIPCON '83. A set of 24 plx, each of one of the following people. Bid on the specific pictures you want.  
Joyce Singer Al Pearson Al Kador Konrad Baumeister  
Paul Rauteberg Alan Moon Don Swartz Cathy Cunnling  
Eric Ozog Mike Barno Porter Wightman Brad Wilson  
Pat Conlon Chip Charney Don Sigwalt Fred Townsend  
Mark Leudi Jim Williams Lu Henry Steve Heinowski  
Bill Becker Fred Davis Gregory Stewart Ralph Anderson  
Minimum bid is 75¢ a picture.
- P-7 TURKEYCON (ByrneCON 69) Set of six plx, showing the cake, Woody-Gary Coughlan, Woody and Kathy, and others, and the woman Dick Martin said looked like Joan Extrom at dinner. Minimum bid is \$2.00.
- V-1 A WEEKEND AT WOODY'S. You arrive at 602 Hemlock Circle on Friday night, greeted by a swarthy Armenian in a towel and begin the experience of a lifetime, as you dine in elegance and bask in the luxury of Woody's house. Entertainment will be tailored to your desires. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience you will not want to miss! (Transportation not included.) Est=\$10.00.

# DIPLOMACY GAMESTART

That's right....I think I've found seven players for this game, so it's a go. Here's the starting lineup:

**A** AUSTRIA: Matt Wagner, 7564 Sebring Drive, Huber Heights, OH 45424  
**E** ENGLAND: Dick Martin, 26 Orchard Way N, Rockville, MD 20854  
**F** FRANCE: Jim Bjornsson, 409 Forbes Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94901  
**G** GERMANY: Greg Doyle, 18 Longmeadow Drive, Canton, MA 02021  
**I** ITALY: Mark Stegeman, 2430 Grosse Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404  
**R** RUSSIA: Michael Lee, 3480 Danna Court, Eugene, OR 97405  
**T** TURKEY: Kenny Gestiehr Jr., P.O. Box 302, El Cajon, CA 92022

There may not be any NMR fees.....but you can expect EXTREME PAIN and INCREDIBLE AGONY, and that's just for your FIRST NMR!

## DEADLINE

for SPRING 1901 is JULY 9, 1984

Remember that 7 orders are necessary for SPRING 1901 to begin - NO BOZOS here! (A "bozo", named for Brad Wilson and his England in 1981AS, is a country with no orders for the entire game, effectively turning a game into a 6-man irregularity.)

~~NO-BOZOS-NO-BOZOS-NO-BOZOS-NO-BOZOS-NO-BOZOS-NO-BOZOS-NO-BOZOS-BO-NOSEHHS-SO-NOBOW~~

Well, the DEATH STAR & ANCHOR was destroyed last time just before (well, actually, just after) it would have destroyed the Ig Lew planet where the Diplomatic Rebels are repairing the Linoleum Falcon.

Meanwhile, on the Diplomatic Imperial flagship - diplomatic?

Yes, it's time for DIP WARZ BLOOPERS, FOUL-UPS, PRACTICAL JOKES, AND SPACE FILLER!

First off, from the Linoleum Falcon.....

John Pole-O: "Calberchian, are you wearing your hat like I ordered?"

Baldo Calberchian: "Hat? What hat?"

Pole-O: "Your head is shining again! Take that light of yours and put out-"

Princess Luscious: "I thought 'putting out' was my job"

ILOM: "They may put out this aeries after that one....."

But don't think the Empire has it any easier.....

Lord Sacks Fifthavenue: "If you think you're repeating any of MY bloopers, you don't know what trouble you're causing!"

Aw, shut up.....

Lord Sacks Fifthavenue: "Prepare to warp out....factor 5....heading 322 mark 11 range 550....coordinates 629-337-079....stand by....now WIMP OUT!"

Yawn Boring: "An appropriate form of transportation for you-"

And now GAAAAAAAAAAKKK!

"I warned him, didn't I?"

~~ING-CON-STANTINOPLE-CON-AND-ONE-FOR-NUCLEAR-ENGINEERS-CON-FUSION-THEY'RE-WORSE-NO~~

PACIFICON is back! September 1, 2, and 3, at (I assume) the Dunfey in San Mateo, where highways 92 & 101 cross. For your pre-registration info, write to PACIFICON, 633 Pine Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. I also assume, as usual, that Jim Bumpas will be running the Diplomacy tournament, but you'll have to ask him about that one. (And if you expect to meet me in the tournament, think again!)

PAGE 13 thinks once, and that's it

## SUBMARINE WARFARE

(a neat idea for a subzine)

by

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Once again it is time for this submarine to set sail (If an all-iron ship which goes underwater and never saw canvas can be said to set sail.). This month sees mega quantities of April showers. Maybe they bring May flowers. Right now they annoy the living daylights out of me (extremely minor pun there). I have been out to a driving range twice. Once to try some different clubs and once with the new set I bought. I am hoping for a chance to get out next week. No chance for that this week. Yechhh.

My supervisor has been on me to do that part of my job I enjoy least (Would you believe not at all?). Massive store cleaning. As a result, I have done some painting, and replaced some broken things around the shop. The place still looks like a dungeon, which will only change when the place is demolished, but it is cleaner at least. I covered a hole in the wall, glued some loose baseboards back on, fixed a broken security device, and did lots of scrubbing. Just lots of fun things. If I sound like I am complaining, on well. Life's a bitch. I am grateful to have the opportunity I have, and complaining about having to work hard for it is dumb, I suppose. Especially in print to you yo-yos. (Anybody out there offended by being called a yo-yo? Too bad.) (Anybody out there bored by this? [Yes, you guessed it.] Too Bad.) (Anybody out there annoyed by all these parentese? Hey, it's my style, man.) Enough of this bozo stuff. How about some other bozo stuff.

I WONDER IF I WRIGHT F U C K I N H E R E I F A N Y O N E O U T T H E R E W I L L N O T I C E O R E V E N C A R E

\*\*\*\*Dip opening - I never thought a dip opening was bozo, actually. I also never dreamed that people wouldn't just jump at the chance to sign on. I am not offended by this. Just puzzled. Since I get no feedback, I really don't know why. So, I will simply continue to offer to run a game and see what happens.

The particulars - 4 week deadlines \* grey press \* preference lists accepted \* non-dias \* no game fee \* \$5 NMR deposit \* A postal dance craze 1, 2, 3, dip. 1, 2, 3, dip. (How about 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, dip?)

I WONDER IF I WRITE WRIT E WRONG I F A N Y O N E W I L L N O T I C E O R E V E N C A R E A T A L L ?

The last issue suffered from a paucity of creativity, so I hopefully have returned to form this time. I am a fan of Homer and Jetaro. I realize that Homer Burns has died, but that never stopped me from enjoying the humor they gave us. It isn't anything heavy, just fun. The legacy that they (and Lonzo and Oscar, their predecessors) gave us is carried on by Wierd Al Jankovic (I assume most have seen "Eat It" on MTV.). I have made a modest attempt at the form, though I must confess to having done this in the press in a game or two I am in. It is done in fun, as is pretty much everything I write. If anyone is ever offended by something I write, do please let me know so that I may make it right. I believe the object of "Stao It" won't be offended. I certainly hope so. For the rest of you, just enjoy. Maybe next month it will be your turn.

1 for you,

PAGE 14 for me....

## Fruehdom of Choice

Go play Dip  
Give France the slip  
Grab a center  
You can be a winner [of the Nixon]

When a backside comes along  
You must stab it  
When a dot sits alone  
You must grab it  
When an ally gets too strong  
You must stab him

Stab him up  
Between the blades  
Get the win  
Go for it  
Move ahead  
Get straight  
Try to detect it  
It's not too late  
To stab him  
Now stab him good

When a good lie comes along  
You must blab it  
You will never live it down  
Unless you plan it  
When a good lie has gone down  
Then you stab him

I say stab him  
Stab him good  
I say stab him  
Stao him good

Play some dip  
Give the Turk the slip  
Step on a dot  
Break your ally's back

When a problem comes along  
You must stab him  
Before the cream sets out too long  
You must stab him  
When something's going wrong  
You must stab him

Stab him up  
Between the blades  
Get the win  
o for it  
Move ahead  
Get straight  
Try to detect it  
It's not too late  
To stab him  
Now stab him good!



"What I like about psychiatrists is that you can always find one who will swear in court that you're crazy."



"Some of you may not make the first cut."

THE LATE SHOW WAS A TEEN AGETEENAGER STARRING ZIT FACED TEENSE EVERYWHERE

I actually managed to almost fill a page with the above nonsense. However, I left a lot of white space on the right side of the page, so I shall search for an appropriate cartoon or some such to fit in there. Then it is on to the Dominoid section. Aren't you thrilled to be here?

Here on PAGE 15? Thrilling....

More Life of a Dominoid - This installment is about a phenomenon common to all fast-food establishments, "The Rush." I really enjoy a rush. How can you explain to someone who has never been there what it is like to stand there on the make line making pizzas as fast as you can, hearing the phone ringing and seeing more orders coming in? It creates a special mania, which some people can't handle. There is no question it creates pressure, but it is something I thrive on. There are two different kinds of rush situations. If you are working inside by yourself (that means only you and your delivery drivers) then you have to frantically answer all the phones, make the pies, oven tend, and route the delivery runs. This is actually the hardest thing to do physically in a Domino's store, but it is certainly the most satisfying to be able to handle. There is a certain amount of prestige to be able to say to your peers that you handled a 25 pie hour by yourself. Since our whole company is built around the 30 minute delivery, there is always pressure to be fast. We even have competitions sponsored by the company to see who can be the fastest.

The other kind of rush can only be experienced in a high-volume store. This involves people who just answer phones, people who just make pies, a person who does nothing but oven tend, and drivers. Organized chaos. When you do several hours in a row of over 100 pizzas, you tax the whole system. Pie makers can crank at high speed for just so long, before they slow down. There is status for the fastest person here, too. And if you want to really work hard, oven tend four ovens for a really fast three-man make line. I will guarantee that you will really run. But there is a real satisfaction in doing this well. And I find it to be fun. It certainly beats being dead by a long shot. I have done all of these things. I have done them when we were well prepared, which is when it is the most fun. I have also been inside when we were woefully understaffed, and that brings out the maniac in me. Whenever the store is short-handed, we always pull inside people off the line and send them on the road. That makes the rest of us inside work that much faster. The challenge is to pick up the slack and make do with 2 people where we had four before. I only wish I could let you see inside a shop when something like this was going on. If nothing else, you might have a little respect for us Dominoids.

IWONDERWONDERWHOWHOWWROTE THEBOOK OF LOVE AND WHY DID HE L&S AVE ME OUT?

Well, I almost managed to fill page three while listening to The Cramps. How anyone can do anything while listening to The Cramps is something of a mystery, but I actually like them. I first discovered them while watching a precursor to MTV called Video Jukebox. There was a video of "Garbage Man" which I got into. So I now have two of their albums. The group is very heavy into 50ish rock and roll, but in a punk sort of style. Actually, wierdness is the real motif, I think. Still, I do like it. "Human Fly" is about my favorite, though their version of "Fever" is quite good. But what do I know? On to other things.

ANYBODY REMEMBER BING BING BING RICOCHET RABBIT AND DROOP ALONG? TOO BAD

The last page for this month is upcoming. I have decided to write a fable of sorts. I hope it is amusing, and not too painful. Mostly for me, for I am the one who has to write it. See, I haven't written it yet. I have an idea I have been working on, but I haven't put it all together yet. Maybe page four won't be. Or maybe just nonsense. But it is coming, so hurry up and turn to it.

is it 3 - or is it PAGE 16?



A FABLE - Once upon a time, there was a game. It was called simply, "The Game." And there was a group of people who played it called simply, "The Players." But no group of people is uniform. And "The Players" was no exception. Some merely played to be sociable. They enjoyed playing "The Game," but mainly for the social setting. It gave them a chance to encounter new people, have fun at the game, and socialize. Some of them even formed clubs and had conventions. A good time for one of these people would consist of being in a good game, socializing, and maybe doing well.

But others saw "The Game" as a contest. To them, "The Game" was a serious event, to be taken seriously. The socializing was an extraneous distraction, pleasant but not really necessary. They too participated in clubs and conventions. Some were more sociable than others, but all were winners. Why play a game, especially "The Game," to do well. Why not win. This group needed a measure of their success as well, so they created a point system to measure themselves against.

You take the high road, I'll take the low road. And n'er the twain shall meet. But they did. Some of the competitive players saw easy points to be gained by playing with the socializers. And the socializers tried to socialize with the competitors. All could have been well had each group understood the rules. But the competitors derided the socializers for being poor players. While the socializers got on the players for not being fun. This led to acrimony between the two. A lot of bitterness was generated as a result. Which is so sad.

Like all fables, this one has a moral. When playing a game, take the game as seriously as you wish. But don't apply that seriousness to the other participants. And don't forget how to laugh.

HumphryBogartDon'tBogartthatjoint,myfriendPassitoverthiswaya

The preceeding was brought to you by "The Idealist Soapbox Company." I shall put aside my box now. On to other nonsense.

CandySamplesIwantCandyBowWowWowIwantCandyStrangelovesASample

Who are we? We are sausages with eyes. It's up to us to tell them. The Fudds. Heh, heh, heh.

BACKTOTHISKINDOFLINEARSEPARATERAGAINIHOPEYOUWEREAMUSEDDBYTHOSE

In the world of polotics, Ohio's governor, Richard Celeste, just endorsed Walter Mondale. I expect he'll win here. I never understood what all the fuss over Hart was about in the first place. Mondale has been racking up delegates while Hart won New Hampshire. The only thing I see Hart accomplishing is getting his name known. Maybe next election.

TWASBRILLIGANDTHESLITHEYTOVESDIDGIREANDGIMBLEINTHEWABEALLMIMSY

A mime climbed into a mine to steal a diam (ond). The crime in the mine mired the mime in grime. And the KKK mista K only erased him. Just goes to show that crime and grime don't pay.

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4 - as for me,

I'm up to PAGE 17 already



# FOOT IN MOUTH

Issue #5

April 13, 1984

This is FI, the newest, roving subzine to hit the market. Well then, to hit dipdom. Its put out by me, John Caruso, 160-02 43Ave Flushing, NY. 11358, and if you care to call me, my phone number is 212 353-9695. Why any of you would want to call tho, is beyond me. You won't be able to talk for a long time as I constantly get "emergency" phone calls. You don't believe me, ask Don Del Grande. Speaking of seeing is believing and DDG, this subzine will appear in LOK, our favorite, non-zine. If there ever was a zine that you didn't want to read or sub to, LOI is the non-zine that fits that bill.

As I type this, it is Friday the 13th, for those of you in the class of DDG, DB and DG. Wasn't too lucky for the Islanders last night- they lost game #1 to Washington. No matter- the DRIVE FOR FIVE will not stall. They are a team of destiny. And the Mets are off to a good start, 6-1. It took them until mid June last year to win 6 games on the road. They come home next Tuesday. Knicks and Nets both making the playoffs, and the NJ Generals will be the new USFL Champs. Who is going to beat them- The Memphis Sludgeboats? Michigan Pussycats? Phillie Skid Rows? Maybe the Birmingham Mules? Things aren't too good for me. I keep pulling muscles here and there. 1st its a shoulder, then an elbow. Maybe I'm too old or too out of shape to play ball. What happened to the good old days?

The ~~Moby~~ Dipdom is in good shape. The Runestone Poll is out and you are asked to vote in it. The PDO is holding its 2nd auction-look for a catalogue of items in your favorite zine, or write to Mike Mills 26 Laurel Rd, Sloatsburgh, NY. 10974 and please send a SASE. There is a new hobby service out called Diplomacy Introductory Publication, put out by me. Its intended as a handout at FTF cons to introduce new blood to Dipdom, and to help those looking for game openings to find them, whether they be FTF or PEM, or PBEM games. Its all information you all in Dipdom have access to- the custodians names and addresses, openings lists, FTF Calendar done by Eric Kane, and other informative and hopefully helpful items. If there are any novices in Dipdom who would like a copy, I will send it to them for a SASE. Others will have to pay \$1, and believe me, it only includes material the average Dipdomite has access to already, so the \$1 is intended to offset my early costs. The 1st set were handed out at NE Con at Rutgers April 7. I intend to personally hand these out at Marycon in June and AtlantiCon in Aug, directors willing. But I will need a volunteer to hand out the DIP's at Origins/Dipcon and hopefully, the West Coast Cons. DDG? Rod? Larry? Lets see, what else is there- John Michalski found a job, but hasn't sent out a MES in a while- that makes this the #1 Roving Subzine, so it looks like I'll have to send out twice as many of these to fill this void that John is creating. In the so-called Golden Days of Dip, there were no roving subzines, only roving. Speaking of roving- the Madlads are putting out a new concept in FTF convention-called appropriately, Thr Roving Con. Its dubbed as MadCon II, and its purpose is to go drinking from house to house until they all get shit faced and pass out. If you are interested, check out DDG's con section as I know he'll have it listed. There may be some surprise visitors from NY, Pa and Md especially if JM decides to go, of BO.

I have a couple of letters, so I may as well place them here. Take it away Derwood Bowen

Dear John,

Too bad you couldn't make LepreCon. Too bad I couldn't either. Have you enjoyed spring so far? I like shoveling spring rain. Actually, it really is rain, now. I think this years lay flowers will be lily pads,

Only on PAGE 18 could you find out that  
this is a reprint from last issue

at this rate. Some yo-yo wrote in the paper that it was too wet to plant an early garden. What perception! Actually, rice would probably work.

I haven't played Titan in a little while. The last time I played I got crunched. My titan had 2 dragons, 2 minotaurs, 1 unicorn. He attacked 3 colossus, 2 dragons and 2 minotaurs. Sayonara.

It was nice of the Mets to lose to the Reds for the season opener. Too bad they couldn't lose 2 in a row. Some people are actually expecting the Reds to be good this year. After Mario Soto, the whole pitching staff is "2 and the Mysterians", revisited. And an awesome lineup. But then again, you have the Mets.

Not too much else to comment on. "Father Knows Less" is appropriately titled. I got sucked into subbing to Cathy's Ramblings somehow. (Figuratively, not literally). I have enjoyed reading it, though.

Lets see, I haven't abused Woody yet. There was an item somewhere about an armed uprising of Teddy Bear hamsters in eastern Pa. It all was started when a mother had a litter of retarded hamsters. Only when they showed an affinity for pasta, using the "back door" approach, and throwing rocks at Sack's picture did the other hamsters realize just why this litter was retarded. Word also got that a Portugese hamster was raped on a pool table by Woody while other drunk hamsters looked on. The "Teddy Bear" hamster revolt so far has left ten people with cut toe nails. I will report more when I hear of it. Take Care

((Thank you Derwood for writing and reporting to us. Derwood does a sub-zine somewhere, but for the love of me, I can't remember when. Oh well, It appears you have the same kind of metal geniuses in Ohio that plague us in Wash DC, Watt, Neese and company. You are probably correct about only rice, and its suiting for Ohions, or is that onions? I too haven't played a game of Titan in months, but am looking forward to such a game in a couple of weeks at 4/27 ByrneCon. The Mets, my dear fellow, are fighting for 1st place right now. The Big Dead Machine isn't. No longer will the Mets be the laughingstock, nor the doormat of the National League. A pitching staff of youngsters- and they all look good. OOps, the just lost to the Cubs today. Its only 1 loss. Here in NY, we have some of the best talent in sports- and look like we can have a few champions this year. The Islanders will get #5, the Mets will be respectable, hopefully go all the way(I can dream, can't I?), the Nets and Knicks are competitive, the Generals are #1. What else can we ask for? Ohio! Hahaha. Glad you like FKL and CR, who ~~asked~~ conned you into subbing? You don't have to tell me that I'm to CR what KK is to W, I know that, but the Europeans don't seem to know that. They'll catch on soon enough tho. Your parody of a Portugese hamster being raped on a pool table is a poor and tacky choice. How would the hamsters civil liberties union feel about such an abuse? And Woody is guilty until proven intelligent! Lets all say it together, 'one-two-three- SCREW WOODY. Thanks for writing Derwood))

Before I get to my last letter, I want to say a little something in here. All kidding aside. I am not a literary genius, nor an expert typist nor the worlds best speller, and I do make mistakes. But there is one underlying thing- I attempt to have an opinion on things. Personal opinions on matters, whether they are in Dipdom or real life are important. That is just what has made this country so great, that and the strength of our people. You should not be afraid to speak out or say whats on your mind, or have an opinion on something. And your opinion shouldn't be formulated by what one person says, or tells you to say or do. Go to other sources to help you with information, and most of all, don't be afraid of those who threaten you, dictate to you, lecture you about being right or wrong, or being tradition, or those who demand that you do things. Tradition can change- you can change it. No one should have to write or publish the way someone else tells you to, the way a small group of "Elitists" would like to see you.

This is PAGE 19 saying good night....  
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